



28 January 1963

Subject: Contract SC-58

Reference: Your letter OSA-0007-63, dated 3 January 1963

*Harold
Tom D.*

Dear Tom:

In answer to your referenced letter, the following information is submitted in the hope that you will reinstate costs that were billed and subsequently disallowed from Invoice #11-22.

- (1) [redacted] Plane fare, Eielson AFB to San Antonio, Texas
\$244.18:

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At October 17, which was the date of travel by commercial airlines, no military transportation was immediately available. The earliest passage to El Paso, Texas on military aircraft was on October 28; earliest on MATS was October 25 to S. Dakota for probable transportation from there. [redacted] travel orders had expired and he could not have boarded any military aircraft outside of Edwards AFB.

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Due to the shortage of additional personnel during periods of rotation, time was of the essence in returning [redacted] to Eielson for duty.

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- (2) [redacted] Plane fare to Laverton RAAFB, excessive baggage and taxi fare, \$657.89:

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Prior to departing for Australia, [redacted] was taking two weeks' vacation here at Burbank, Arrangements had been made for [redacted] to meet the troop carrier aircraft at Travis AFB as they passed enroute from Del Rio to Australia.

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Three days before the planned rendezvous at Travis, [redacted] experienced some physical symptoms of what could have been serious internal disorder. A physician was contacted and hospitalization resulted. By the time tests and treatments had been conducted and the doctor was satisfied to release [redacted] for active duty, the military transports had cleared Travis AFB and arrived Australia.

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MATS personnel at Travis subsequently advised that they could not provide service beyond Hawaii, i.e., they provided no service into Australia.

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Knowing that the 4080th Detachment involved was already in place and would soon start operations and further, that [redacted] services would be both desired and needed, it was considered to be acting in the best interests of the Customer to dispatch him by commercial carrier.

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In the event that you concur with our opinion that the above in each case substantiates the decision to use commercial air lines rather than military, we would appreciate your forwarding your check in the amount of \$902.07.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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